

IN THE CLAIMS

B 1. (Currently Amended) A hollow shell article formed of three joined molded plastic parts, <sup>comprising</sup> ~~including~~  
a first end part having an accessible internal and first external partial shell surfaces, said first end part having a first mating edge structure,  
a second end part having an accessible internal and second external partial shell surfaces said second part having a second mating edge structure, and  
A a third intermediate part having an external surface with a predetermined width and a substantially cylindrical internal, wherein said third intermediate part includes a selected decorative shape designed for viewing by a viewer, which extends for a predetermined width and extending for a predetermined distance between the first and second mating edge structures said third part including third and fourth mating edges arranged to engage said first and second mating edges respectively.  
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6/ (Original) An article as specified in claim 1 wherein one of said first and third mating edges comprises an external ledge and the other of said first and third edges comprises an internal ledge.

7/ (Original) An article as specified in claim 2 wherein each of said ledges is formed of a cylindrical surface and a perpendicular surface.

8/ (Original) An article as specified in claim 3 wherein said perpendicular surfaces are non-planar.

9.5. (Original) An article as specified in claim 1 wherein one of said first and third mating edges comprises a ridge and the other of said first and third mating edges comprises a groove.

10.6. (Original) An article as specified in claim 8 wherein each of said ridge and said groove are defined by two cylindrical surfaces and a perpendicular surface.

11.7. (Original) An article as specified in claim 8 wherein said perpendicular surfaces are non-planar.

12.8. (Original) A hollow shell article as specified in claim 1 wherein at least a portion of one of said end parts overlies a portion of said intermediate part.

12.9. (Currently Amended) A hollow shell article having an exterior surface comprising:

at least one intermediate part including an exterior surface which has a decorative shape and an internal passage;

a first end part having including an end shell portion having which has a shell edge and a tubular extension projecting from said shell edge, wherein a cross-section of said tubular extension is smaller than a cross-section of said decorative shape, the at least one intermediate part surrounding said tubular extension and said internal passage arranged to closely surround said tubular extension; and

a second end part having a second end shell portion having an edge and an interior mating structure formed on said edge and receiving said tubular extension, said first and second end parts being configured for:

(i) assembly with said intermediate part retained between said edges of  
said first and second end parts; and

(ii) forming with said first and second end parts a combined structure  
having a decorative shape.

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10. (Original) A hollow shell article as specified in claim 9 wherein said intermediate part includes a bore for closely surrounding said tubular extension.

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11. (Original) A hollow shell article as specified in claim 9 wherein at least said first end part and said intermediate part are fabricated of different color plastic.

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12. (Original) A hollow shell article as specified in claim 9 wherein there are provided two or more of said intermediate parts, and wherein at least a portion of one of said intermediate parts overlies a portion of another intermediate part.

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13. (Original) A hollow shell article as specified in Claim 9 wherein said tubular extension is provided with external ridges, and wherein said intermediate part has a central bore and at least one projection extending into said central bore.

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14. (New) A hollow shell article as specified in Claim 1 wherein said selected decorative shape has a shape of a wave.

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15. (New) A hollow shell article as specified in Claim 1 wherein said first external partial shell surface includes a selected decorative shape.

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16. (New) A hollow shell article as specified in Claim 1 wherein said second external partial shell surface includes a selected decorative shape.